UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOOD SAFETY AND INSPECTION SERVICE WASHINGTON, DC CHANGE TRANSMITTAL SHEET BOVINE SPONGIFORM ENCEPHALOPAHTY (BSE) FSIS NOTICES FSIS Notices 28-04 29-04 DIRECTIVE REVISION AMENDMENT 5/31/05

EXTENSION OF EFFECTIVE DATE FOR BOVINE SPONGIFORM ENCEPHALOPATHY (BSE) FSIS NOTICES

FSIS is extending the expiration date for the following FSIS Notices until June 1, 2006:

FSIS Notice 28-04, FSIS Sample Collection from Cattle Condemned during Ante-Mortem Inspection for Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) Surveillance Program

FSIS Notice 29-04, Questions and Answers for FSIS Notice 28-04 Regarding Ante-Mortem Condemned Cattle

These notices are due to expire June 1, 2005. However, it is necessary for the notices and instructions provided in them to remain in effect until FSIS takes final action on the interim final rule, "Prohibition of the Use of Specified Risk Materials for Human Food and Requirements for the Disposition of Non-Ambulatory Disable Cattle." Once the Agency does so, FSIS will reissue the relevant information from these notices in a FSIS Directive.

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